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SUMMARY: CCD HELD TWO PLENARY SESSIONS AUG 26 TO

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ACCOMODATE LONG LIST OF SPEAKERS. JAPAN DISCUSSED

PNE'S IN TERMS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF INIDA. AGRENTINA EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT LIMITED SCOPE OF DRAFT CONVENTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION. CANADA TABLED CW WORKING PAPER, SAID US-SOVIET ANNOUNCEMENT OF JOINT CW INITIATIVE HAD INHIBITED ACTION BY OTHER DELS, AND EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT FURTHER DELAY. FRG ADDRESSED QUESTION OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES AND REFERRED FAVORABLY TO THE US MILITARY EXPENDITURE INITIATIVE. ITALY SAID PNE PROBLEMS REQUIRE MORE "DYNAMIC" APPROACH TO NPT AND CALLED FOR FURTHER TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS ON ENMOD. ROMANIA FAVORED GREATER ROLE OF UNGA IN NWFZ'S AND ALSO SUPPORTED UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. POLAND, BULGARIA, MONGOLIA COMMENDED ENMOD DRAFT AND SUPPORTED SOVIET VIEWS ON NWFZ. UK GAVE VIEWS ON NWFZ ISSUES AND CONGRATULATED US AND SOVIETS FOR TABLING ENMOD DRAFTS. END SUMMARY.

1. NISIBORI (JAPAN), QUOTING EXTENSIVELY FROM US WORKING PAPER AND STATEMENTS, DISCUSSED ARMS CONTROL IMPLICATIONS OF PNE'S IN TERMS EXPLICITLY CRITICAL OF INDIAN POLICY. SINCE ACQUISITION OF PNE CAPABILITY IS TANTAMOUNT TO PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, NISIBORI HOPED INDIA COULD BE PERSUADED BY LOGIC AND REASON TO RECONSIDER ITS POSITION. IN JAPANESE VIEW IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONCLUDE PNE AGREEMENT OR AGREEMENTS AS PLEDGED IN NPT ARTICLE V, SINCE CERTAIN NNWS MAY NOW BE IN PROCESS OF DECIDING WHETHER TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN CAPABILITY OR RELY ON ARTICLE V. CITING INDIAN AND SOVIET STATEMENT THAT PNE'S WOULD NOT BE PROBLEM IN ACHIEVING COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN AGREEMENT, NISIBORI ARGUED THAT, ON CONTRARY, PNE'S CONSTITUTE SERIOUS OBSTACLE AND ISSUE MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE CTB CAN BE ACHIEVED. JAPAN SUPPORTS CALL FOR PNE MORATORIUM PROVIDED IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL, BUT CTB WOULD HAVE TO BE CLEARLY IN VIEW TO ENSURE CONTINUED SELF-RESTRAINT BY NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES.

2. BERASATEGUI (ARGENTINA) EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT SEVERAL ASPECTS OF US AND SOVIET DRAFT ENMOD CONVENTIONS, INCLUDING THEIR LIMITED SCOPE, AND SAID DRAFTS COULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT BE CONSIDERED BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL DOUBTS CLARIFIED. HE ASKED: (A) WHY THIRD PREAMBULAR PARA DEALS WITH BOTH HOSTILE AND PEACEFUL USES OF ENMOD, WITH LATTER APPARENTLY IN SUBORDINATE POSITION; (B) WHY PREAMBLE MAKES NO REFERENCE TO GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT; (C) WHY SCOPE OF PROHIBITIONS IS LIMITED TO HOSTILE ENMOD ACTIVITIES HAVING WIDESPREAD, LONG-LASTING OR SEVERE EFFECTS. CITING DIFFERENCES THAT

AROSE IN INTERPRETING SIMILAR TERMS IN LAWS OF WAR CONFERENCE, HE WONDERED HOW LIMITS COULD BE DRAWN AND WHO SHOULD DRAW LIMITS. EVEN MORE SERIOUS THAN DEFINITIONAL PROBLEMS, PROPOSED CRITERIA WOULD LEGALIZE USE OF ENMOD TECHNIQUES FOR HOSTILE PURPOSES UP TO POINT WHERE SUCH TECHNIQUES BECOME WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. HE ASKED FOR JUSTIFICATION FOR CRITERIA, WHICH HE SAID COULD NOT BE EXPLAINED ON BASIS OF VERIFICATION DIFFICULTIES. CO-SPONSORS' ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS COULD PAVE WAY FOR APPROPRIATE AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT, FACILITATING MOVEMENT TOWARD "OBJECTIVE OF COMPREHENSIVE" PROHIBITION OF USE OF ENMOD TECHNIQUES FOR MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE PURPOSE.

3. BARTON (CANADA) MADE BRIEF, BLUNTLY WORDED STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT 1974 SUMMIT PROMISE OF US-SOVIET INITIATIVE ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS HAD INHIBITED OTHER DELEGATIONS FROM PUTTING FORWARD THEIR OWN PROPOSALS. HE SAID CANADA WAS CONCERNED ABOUT HIATUS IN CCD'S WORK ON SUBJECT. BARTON MENTIONED 1974 CANADAIN PROPOSAL TO ADOPT PARTIAL APPROACH TO CW PROHIBITIONS BASED ON PHASING OF CW ACTIVITIES (BEGINNING WITH PRODUCTION BAN) RATHER THAN PHASING OF CW AGENTS (AS IN JAPANESE DRAFT), BUT SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WANTED TO HEAR REACTIONS OF OTHERS BEFORE DEVELOPING IDEA FURTHER. HE TABLED WORKING PAPER OF MEASUREMENTS OF LETHALITY FOR THE DEFINITION OF CHEMICAL WARFARE AGENTS (COPIES POUCHED).

4. SCHLAICH (FRG) PLACED ON RECORD FRG VIEWS ON NWFZ ISSUES. PNE'S SHOULD BE TREATED SAME WAY IN NWFZ TREATIES AS IN NPT. AS SUGGESTED IN NWFZ STUDY, REGIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE CENTERS SHOULD BE CON-

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SIDERED IN CONTEXT OF NWFZ'S. IDEA OF CREATING SAFETY AREAS IN LAND AREAS CONTIGUOUS TO ZONES (AS PROPOSED BY SWEDEN) MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND MILITARY ALLIANCES. ABOVE ALL, IT IS UP TO EACH STATE TO DECIDE WHETHER ITS SECURITY IS BETTER ENSURED THROUGH NWFZ OR OTHER MEANS SUCH AS MILITARY ALLIANCE. SCHLAICH COMMENTED THAT NWFZ STUDY SHOULD HAVE GIVEN GREATER WEIGHT TO IDEA OF EXPANDING NWFZ ARRANGMENT TO INCLUDE REGIONAL CONVENTIONAL ARMS CONTROL. HE REFERRED IN FAVORABLE TERMS TO US MILITARY EXPENDITURES INITIATIVE, WHICH HE SAID WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO NECESSARY VERIFICATION.

5. DI BERNARDO (ITALY), IN LONG RAMBLING, DISJOINTED STATEMENT DEVOTED MAINLY TO PNE'S, SAID INFORMAL MEETINGS HAD MADE

CLEAR THAT, IN PRESENT STATE OF TECHNOLOGY, NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES INTENDED FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES COULD ALSO BE USED AS WEAPONS. ITALY JOINS OTHER NPT PARTIES IN APPEALING TO NON-PARTIES NOT TO ACQUIRE PNE CAPABILITY, BUT SUCH APPEALS MAY NOT BE ADEQUATE IN LIGHT OF TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND CHANGES IN OWRLD POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC EQUATION. A MORE LASTING AND CONVINCING SOLUTION TO PNE PROBLEM CAN BE FOUND BY CONCEIVING OF NPT AS "DYNAMIC INSTRUMENT" THAT MUST BE MATCHED TO RAPID PACE OF TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS. DI BERNARDO CALLED ENMOD DRAFT CONVENTION "USEFUL INSTRUMENT" FOR GUIDING COMMITTEE'S WORK, BUT HE THOUGHT A CONVENTION SHOULD NOT BE "THROWN TOGETHER" WITHOUT CAREFULLY CONSIDERING ALL ASPECTS. IN THIS CONTEXT HE CALLED FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE ON ENMOD ISSUES BY TECHNICAL EXPERTS.

6. ENE (ROMANIA) EXPRESSED CONTINUED ROMANIAN DIS-SATISFACTION WITH OPERATION OF CCD. CITING CSCE AS MODEL, HE CALLED FOR CCD TO BE REORGANIZED ON BASIS OF DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES. HE SUPPORTED SUGGESTION OF SPECIAL UNGA SESSION FOR DISARMAMENT, AND AGREED WITH MEXICO THAT THE UNGA SHOULD ASSERT ITS AUTHORITY BY CLARIFYING NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONE ISSUES WHICH WERE LEFT UNRESOLVED IN EXPERTS' STUDY.

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7. ALLEN (UK) SUMMARIZED UK VIEWS ON NWFZ ISSUES. NOTING THAT NWFZ STUDY STATED CERTAIN PRINCIPLES FOR ESTABLISHING NWFZ'S THAT COULD BE MISINTERPRETED, HE SAID UK WOULD CONTINUE TO JUDGE NWFZ PROPOSALS AGAINST FOUR BRITISH CRITERIA (WHICH PARALLEL THOSE OF US). HE CONGRATULATED CO-SPONSORS OF ENMOD DRAFT CONVENTIONS AND LOOKED FORWARD TO EARLY START OF DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS.

8. WYZNER (POLAND), GRINBERG (BULGARIA), AND DUGERSURAN (MONGOLIA) COMMENDED PARALLELED TABLING OF ENMOD DRAFT CONVENTION AND PAID TRIBUTE TO SOVIET INITIATIVE IN FIELD. THEY ALSO SUPPORTED SOVIET VIEWS ON NWFZ STUDY, PARTICULARLY VIEW THAT OBLIGATIONS OF EXTRA-ZONAL STATES TO ZONES CAN ONLY BE ESTABLISHED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AND NWFZ'S SHOULD NOT IMPAIR FREEDOM OF HIGH SEAS BUT SHOULD PROHIBIT WITHIN ZONES ALL TRANSIT AND PORT CALLS WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS. DALE

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